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REQUEST FOR A REPORT OF WASTE DISCHARGE

California Water Code Section 13260 requires all persons who handle waste that could affect surface water or groundwater quality to submit a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) to the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board. This letter is a request for you to submit a ROWD for your existing dairy along with the appropriate annual fee by **17 October 2005**. Copies of the California Water Code and applicable regulations are posted at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/available_documents/index.html#confined. Owners and operators of dairies that fail to respond to this request are subject to enforcement action.

A ROWD form, instructions for completing the form, and a fee schedule are enclosed for your use. Your completed response will consist of the following:

- A complete and signed Report of Waste Discharge Form.
- An annual fee payment in the appropriate amount made out to the "State Water Resources Control Board".

The California Dairy Quality Assurance Program and California Dairy Associations in cooperation with Central Valley Regional Board staff and others will be holding meetings to assist you in completing this application process if you need help. Meeting dates and locations are being scheduled for your area. Please be sure to frequently check our website:

http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/available_documents/index.html#confined, and with your trade association, University of California Cooperative Extension and the California Dairy Quality Assurance Program. For more information please see the enclosed *List of Regional Board Contacts*, which provides staff contacts and the link to our Frequently Asked Questions webpage. If you would like background on the basis for this request see the enclosed *Additional Information on Why We Requested a Report of Waste Discharge and What Will Follow*.

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Enclosure(s) Report of Waste Discharge Form for Existing Milk Cow Dairies
Instructions for Completing a Report of Waste Discharge for Existing Milk Cow Dairies
SWRCB Annual Fee Schedule That Applies to Milk Cow Dairies
List of Regional Board Contacts
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